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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Libertyville High School Debate Team has had a  
3 successful 2013-14 season, with great team and individual  
4 success in both Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
5 formats; and

6           WHEREAS, Both styles of debate require not only the  
7 development of rhetorical and analytical skills, but also a  
8 deep understanding of topics derived only from many hours of  
9 independent research and writing; and

10           WHEREAS, Libertyville High School recently sent a large  
11 delegation of 1st and 2nd-year debaters to the Illinois  
12 Communication and Theater Association State Tournament on the  
13 weekend of March 14, 2014; and

14           WHEREAS, Sophomore Elizabeth Murphy placed 9th and  
15 sophomore Ken Wu placed 13th in Junior Varsity Lincoln  
16 Douglas-Debate, while freshman Alo Garcia-Escobar placed 13th  
17 in the State in novice Lincoln-Douglas style debate, and  
18 freshman Manal Ahmed placed 10th in Speaker for Public Forum;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association administers  
21 the Varsity State Debate Tournament each year, affording

1 experienced high school students the opportunity to compete  
2 against the finest quality debaters in the State, this year  
3 hosted at the University of Illinois-Springfield the weekend of  
4 March 21, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, The Libertyville High School delegation of  
6 debaters to the Varsity State Tournament is composed of juniors  
7 Ankur Rastogi, Holly Miller, Pooja Sajeev, Aasimah Tanveer,  
8 Lucia Zhang, and senior Stevie Zheng; and

9 WHEREAS, Coaches Dennis Duffy, Sarah Greenswag, and Brian  
10 Voss have great pride in their team's hard work, dedication,  
11 and success throughout the school year; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we recognize the talent and ability of these students and  
15 coaches and congratulate them on their achievements this  
16 season; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Libertyville High School Debate Team as an  
19 expression of our esteem and with best wishes for continued  
20 academic success.